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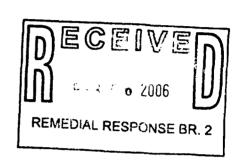


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## VIA EMAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: Request For Extension Of Time To Respond to U.S. EPA Notice of Deficiencies and Comments to the Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Report, Revision 1 (July 2005) - Chemical Recovery Systems (CRS), Inc. Site

Dear Ms. Massenburg and Mr. Nash:

On November 3, 2005, the Chemical Recovery Systems, Inc. Site Group (the "Group") received via email and certified mail U.S. EPA's Notice of Deficiencies and Comments for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Report, Revision 1 (July 2005). Pursuant to the Administrative Order on Consent, the Group is required to address these comments by amending and submitting to U.S. EPA a revised RI/FS Report within 30 days of receiving U.S. EPA's comments (i.e. by December 2, 2005) or in accordance with an alternate EPA-approved schedule.

U.S. EPA approved the Group's proposed schedule on December 2, 2005. This schedule included a conference call that took place on January 4, 2006 with U.S. EPA to discuss the Group's proposed revision to the RI/FS. U.S. EPA was unable to include its toxicologist on the January 4<sup>th</sup> call so issues in that area were tabled for a subsequent call. For various reasons, U.S. EPA was unable to propose a follow-up call until the week of February 6, 2006. As a result, the February 6, 2006 deadline in the EPA-approved schedule for submitting the revised RI/FS will have to be extended.

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The CRS Site Group formally requests that U.S. EPA approve a revised schedule that includes the same period of time between our telephone conference with U.S. EPA and the deadline for submission of deliverables approved previously. The scheduled milestones are: (1) the February 10, 2006 telephone conference with U.S. EPA; and (2) the March 14, 2006 deadline for submitting the revised RI/FS to U.S. EPA. Please respond by letter or email with your written approval on or before February 6, 2006.

As we have discussed, this schedule is predicated on the belief that the telephone conference will not generate significant new issues that we are not prepared to address. If such issues arise, the CRS Site Group will be back to request additional time and it is our understanding based on discussions with Tom Nash that reasonable extension requests will continue to be granted.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. McWilliams

Chairperson CRS Site Group

cc: CRS Site Technical Committee Peter Gelman, Parsons